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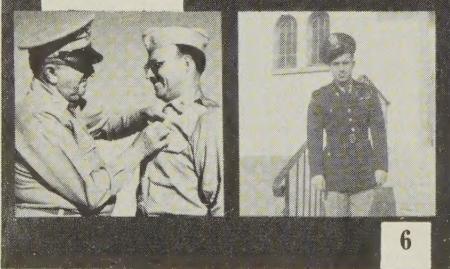
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Sunday School Attendance



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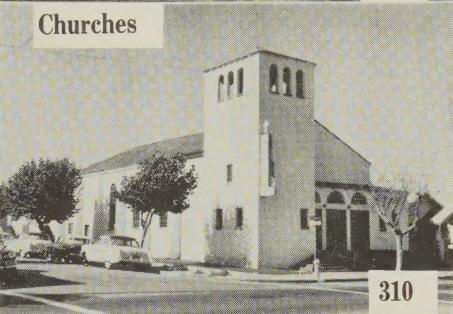
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Ministers



855

Churches



310

Publication Circulation



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Church Members



10,000

FLOYD THOMAS ILL

Gold Coast Missionary, Floyd W. Thomas, has been seriously ill with a liver ailment and has been hospitalized to England. However, he writes to thank friends of Northern California who have made financial contributions during this emergency, for missionary allowances do not normally provide for such crises. He hoped to be sufficiently recovered to return to Africa in December. Prayer is requested that his healing may be speedy and complete.

WITH THE LORD

On November 2, veteran minister L. E. Bersinger departed to be with the Lord. Brother Bersinger had been living in retirement in Campbell. W. T. Gaston officiated at the funeral.

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP RALLY
Sacramento Valley Presbyter, Harold D. Byram of Redding, has announced that Live Oak has been chosen for the special annual New Year's Day Fellowship Rally. Everyone is cordially invited and a large turnout is expected.

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OPEN FOR CALLS

ANNABEL A. KEYS, wife of President L. R. Keys of Bethany Bible College, is open for speaking engagements in our District churches. Sister Keys is an ordained minister and is well-known as a competent speaker. She may be contacted in care of Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz.

EUNICE LINDVALL ELECTED TO NEW POST

A recent letter from Eunice Lindvall tells us that she has been elected State C. A. President and Director of Christian Education for the North Carolina District. She is greatly challenged with opportunities there.



Greetings of the Season to all our Readers



The Dawning of God's Day

A Christmas Meditation by Inez B. Sturgeon.

click-click-click! It was to this sound of the train wheels going over the joinings of the rails and the rocking motion of the coach that the five-year old girl was being lulled to sleep. She snuggled deeper into the straight seat across which she was stretched and as she did, became aware of the prickles of the stiff and scratchy upholstery on her bare legs. This sound, this motion and the prickles were all a part of a yearly adventure. Her family were on their annual vacation from Colorado to Texas to see her grandparents and the overnight train trip was the thrill of her life. She opened sleepy eyes and smiled at her mother, father, and baby brother sitting facing her. Slowly her eyes drooped and she was asleep.

The next thing she knew was a terrific jerk, and she felt her mother's hand on her and heard her voice, "Go back to sleep darling. The train has just stopped at a town."

"Isn't it morning yet?"

"Not yet. Go back to sleep."

This procedure was repeated many times during the night and always there was the darkness outside the window.

It must have been in that darkest hour before the dawn when an especially loud noise or long roll of the train caused the child to awaken and with one motion rise to her knees at the window. IT WAS STILL DARK! She could see nothing but that terrible darkness!

She raised a chalky-white face with fear-filled eyes and in a voice that shook she cried, "Oh Mommie, it is still dark! What if it ALWAYS stays dark? What if the morning never comes?"

Her mother took one startled look at the child's face and then quickly gathered that shaking little body into her arms, "Why darling, you don't need to be afraid. It won't be dark always. The morning will come very soon. The sun will come up and everything will be light." She soothed and tried to calm the frightened little girl.

I was that little girl. And although it has been many years ago, I can still remember that the dread did not lift nor the terror relax its icy grip on my heart until the darkness gave place to the first grey gleams of the morning and the dawn came in all its glory.

WHAT IF THE MORNING NEVER COMES? These words could be writ large over the peoples of another day.

"What if the morning never comes," cried a mother as the scalding tears ran down her cheeks and fell as fast as rain on the face of the first dead man since creation's days were finished. Dead, and by the hand of his brother! "This sorrow which fills our hearts, this constant pain, this unend-



Sister F. A. Sturgeon shares with her husband the demanding task of pastoring Oakland's First Church. She is active in Christian journalism and regularly edits a publication called "Life at First Church."

ing toil, this darkness that presses down our souls — will relief ever come? Will the morning ever dawn?"

Only one star's light far distant in the heavens of God's revelation brought hope to that stricken soul — "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head." In these words, redemption of God was promised.

"What if the morning never comes?" cried the mothers of Israel as their men-children were wrest from their breasts and the Nile opened her watery jaws to receive the outflung tiny bodies. Abraham's seed? The line of the heirs of the promises of God? Yes, but the night of Egypt was filled with slavery, abuse, and the indescribable suffering of empty-hearted fathers and mothers. Again in the darkness there arose a star of hope. They were called to remember the message of their great leader, "God will surely visit you," and when ye shall return to your land, "ye shall carry up my bones from hence."

"What if the morning never comes?" sadly murmured the old man sitting in one of the palaces of Baby-

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The Season's Greetings



W. T. GASTON
District
Superintendent

Each year the true Christian is made newly aware of how far a pagan world has deviated from the true and spiritual significance of this Blessed Christmas Season. How fortunate we are to have this annual Day of Remembrance when we can join with each other and the uncounted multitudes around the world in humble adoration of the infant Jesus, whom "God hath made both Lord and Christ."



K. M. HAYSTEAD
Assistant
Superintendent



J. L. GERHART
Secretary
Treasurer

At Christmastime the thing most foremost in a child's mind is "What will I get FOR Christmas?" As one matures in his thinking, this attitude changes to "What will I get FROM Christmas?" It is God's will that we get FROM Christmas a new appreciation for, and keen adoration of the Christ. It is my wish for you that you receive FROM Christmas all that the Christ desires for you. May your heart and life be inspired and re-dedicated at this Holy Season.



R. J. THURMOND
General
Presbyter

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." John 1:14. Christmas brings us again the "good tidings" of the Saviour's birth, God's love gift to the world. May we celebrate His birth in humble gratitude, letting the Holy Spirit reveal Him anew to us and empower us to live consecrated lives of service in joyful anticipation of His second coming.



L. R. KEYS
President
B. B. C.

It's that joyous season of the year again. The time of the laughter of little children; the time when brightly-lighted church windows send out their warm invitation to all to come and worship the king; the time for God's servants to herald the glad gospel that "Christ the Saviour is born;" the time for God's people to rejoice that the Hope of the Ages and the Desire of all Nations has come. It's that time again.



L. R. ANDERSON
North Bay
Section

We greet you this Christmas time in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "His Name shall be called Wonderful." Jesus was wonderful in His birth, wonderful in His life, wonderful in His death, and wonderful in His resurrection. We who have come to know Him now look forward to that glorious day when He will come again. Concerning that day we say, "It will be wonderful."



H. D. BYRAM
Sacramento
Valley



K. R. CARNEY
Lassen-Plumas
Section

In an ultramodern, sin-cursed, war-torn, supersonic, destruction bound age when men's hearts are failing them for fear of the future, there rings forth a prophetic voice of the past; the consolation of every Christian, the only hope of a dying world. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."



G. W. CLEMENTS
Contra Costa
Section



J. R. EDGAR
Lake-Mendocino
Section

"Immanuel; God with us." We are sure and certain that Isaiah's great prophecies found fulfillment and satisfaction in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we so pray and live in this coming year that we may be ever conscious of His glorious presence with us. Having God with us means life, power, peace, and joy. The Message of Christmas rings out to all that Christ came to die for and to save sinners. To this end He willingly went to Calvary.

from District Leaders



C. L. ELMES
Nevada
Section

"Fear not," our Lord entreats us again at this Christmas season. When we look at conditions in the world today and allow ourselves to dwell upon them we are inclined to fear. Even as God, through the angel, gave this wonderful message to the trembling shepherds on the hillside, so He repeats it to us today. God is still on His throne, still encouraging us to "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy."

In a world filled with sin, hatred, and fear, Christmas stands as a two-way directional pointing to the only genuine hope men have. That Hope, of course, is our Saviour Jesus Christ. Christmas Day points backward to His first advent but it also points forward to His second coming. In His return all of the promise embodied in His first coming shall have been fulfilled in the lives of His redeemed.



O. L. FOTH
East Bay
Section



O. A. HART
Coast Counties
Section

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people and his saints." At Bethlehem peace arrived on earth; peace for the hearts of men. God had spoken unto us by his Son for the Prince of Peace had come. Now as believers we enjoy the same peace expressed in the words of Jesus, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you." Peace, glorious peace, the possession of His saints.

"Because there was no room for them in the Inn." Luke 2:7. Why did the keeper of the inn turn away Christ? Like us he was very busy and had a great opportunity to commercialize this event, a time given to pleasure loving people, a time to get wealth, a time when others would have had to sacrifice to have made room. Let us keep Christ in Christmas, even if we have to slow down a pace or two, or if it means sacrifice.



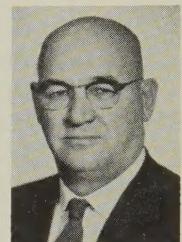
K. C. PRINZING
North
San Joaquin

May the song of peace and good will which the multitude of heavenly host sang to the Judean shepherds resound in many hearts at this season. When the Saviour is welcomed into a human breast, that life is lighted with the glory of the Lord. Darkness flees before the light of life; even a stall becomes a place of hallowed glory. May He who is our peace build us together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



E. O. ROBECK
Peninsula
Section

Who can comprehend "Immanuel, God with us?" How profound is the divine truth of our religion! It is He who "was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on throughout the world, taken up to glory." 1 Tim. 3:16 (Moffatt). The Son of God became the son of man that we the sons of men, might become the Sons of God. "This is the doing of the Lord, and a wonder to our eyes."



D. N. ROBINSON
Central
San Joaquin

Luke 2 brings the message anew to our hearts at this Christmas time. The message the angels brought to the shepherds in the country of Judea, the message of a Saviour to all the world. Not only were the shepherds' hearts made glad but so many more have been made to rejoice because of Him. As we enjoy our friends and loved ones throughout this Christmas time, let us not forget the One Who was born that night in the city of David: Christ our Lord.



ALBERT ROWLEY
Shasta
Section

"Unto us a child is born." No other birth has so profoundly affected human history or so changed the destiny of the human race. His birth lights the church in her great mission unto all people. To Him we come with our sins and sorrows in the realization that by the power of the Holy Child we may be born again and enter into the peace of which the angels sang. It will be a Merry Christmas if our hearts are in harmony with God.



R. L. NEAL
Redwood
Section

A most important subject is the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. It is prophetically stated in the Old Testament. In these supernaturally written Scriptures is revealed a supernatural line for the purpose of bringing a supernatural person into existence. The supernatural Son of God, supernaturally incarnated, supernaturally sacrificed, supernaturally raised is supernaturally coming again because He is the Son of God.



J. C. SNYDER
South
San Joaquin



R. A. WILSON
Capitol
Section

Every phase of the life and death of Jesus was necessary. We often emphasize His death, but before He could die as the "Lamb of God" He must first be incarnate as the "seed of the woman." He was made like unto His brethren that He might be tempted in all points as we, yet without sin. Then, as the perfect man, He could by the grace of God taste death for every man. It is indeed with grateful hearts that we celebrate His birth.



In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, in the heart of the historic mining country of the Mother Lode District of California, lies the little ghost town of San Andreas. Though it is the Calaveras county seat, San Andreas can boast a population of only a trifle more than a thousand. Yet, in the days of the feverish quest for California gold, San Andreas was an important center and it resounded with colorful, and sometimes violent, activity.

In 1893, one of the city leaders purchased some property near the edge of the residential district, and there he erected a building to serve as a livery stable. He operated this enterprise for more than two decades, and the building became an important community landmark.

Nearly a half century later, a little group of Full Gospel worshippers of San Andreas began meeting in a private home. At the same time, they scouted the city and surrounding hills for a suitable building site. Their eventual purchase was the historic livery stable, together with the five acres of land on which it stood. By then, the building was old and dilapidated, and it took not a little grace and a generous imagination to visualize it as a church home.

Notwithstanding, under the leadership of Brother Ira Smith, this little group proceeded to renovate the building, and before long, they were holding their services there. In the spring of 1952, the mortgage was completely paid and with the call of Brother Carroll Holloway as pastor, there was a mortgage burning ceremony. Brother Haystead, District Assistant Superintendent, joined pastor and people for this event. However, the building, as yet, scarcely conformed to the conventional idea of a church.

And then, after a few months, the assembly received a Home Missions loan of a thousand dollars from Springfield and some financial help from the local fellowship section. Such interest from without stimulated anew the people from within. Before long, the brethren had transformed the building into an attractive and



The building as it appeared at the time of mortgage burning ceremony. Though it served as a gathering place for Christians, its appearance certainly was not inviting to the outsider.

comfortable church structure. The vestibule was added and also restroom facilities, and the auditorium was renovated to seat 135. Back rooms were made into a comfortable parsonage, though with the hope that in the future the pastor could be accommodated elsewhere and these

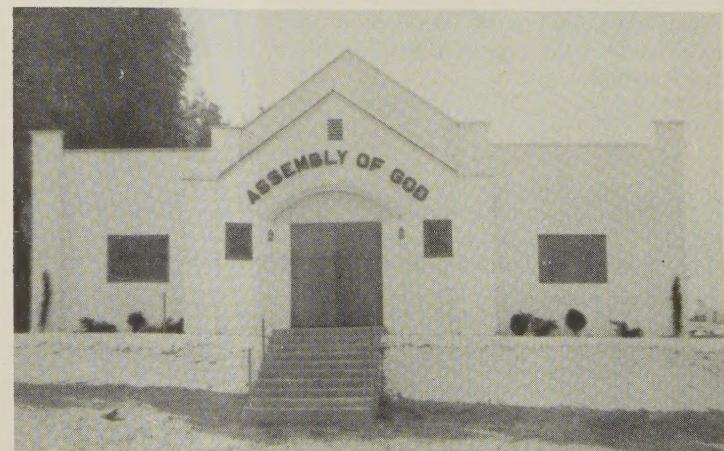
rooms could become Sunday school classrooms.

The church has the good will and esteem of the community, and it stands as a consistent influence for God. Pastor Holloway and his wife are regularly invited to participate in community exercises, including speaking at the high school Baccalaureate and teaching high school released time classes.

In this present year, some twenty-nine have made decisions for Christ in this church and there have been six that have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There have been two water baptismal services with sixteen candidates obeying the Lord.

Surely, here is a modern day episode that portrays anew the scenes of the builders of Bible times. Here, as then, "the people had a mind to work" so they have achieved for God. When the efforts of a consecrated undaunted local group can be temporarily augmented by financial help and encouragement from without, so much the better. We salute the people of San Andreas for their persistent courage and faithful labors, and we express gratitude to our Home Missions Department for their part in so worthy a project.

*The
San Andreas
Assembly
of God
Today!*



From Stable to Sanctuary

The unique story of the San Andreas Assembly of God

(Left): The original building at the time of purchase.



Old Age Assistance Fund in Need

All of our District churches are invited to become "A church with a helping hand" within the last weeks of this year by participating in the drive for the Old Age Assistance Fund. By the beginning of November, the Fund was some \$45,000 short of its goal for this year — a rather distressing situation. Though it was hoped that many churches would receive a Thanksgiving Day offering for the Old Age Assistance Fund, it was unlikely that these would meet the entire need.

It is the earnest hope of the brethren responsible for the work of this

department, that each church in our constituency may co-operate and within the forthcoming weeks receive an Old Age Assistance Fund Offering. Or better still, the brethren suggest that churches write Old Age Assistance into their local budgets. They point out that if every church did this, even as little as one dollar a month from each, it would largely take care of this project.

All gifts should be designated Old Age Assistance and sent to the Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

AFRICA WELCOMES SIMON GRANT

There was excitement and joyful anticipation written on the faces of Lydia Grant and her five children as they scanned the harbor horizon. The ship was due at any moment bringing father home at long last. The church family was fully as expectant and excited. The women were in their customary colorful lappas, boobas, and head ties. Elders and deacons with brawny arms stood ready to tote the baggage from the customs shed to home.

The ship did arrive, and Simon Grant, after eighteen months in the United States, was home again. Laughter, praising God, and embracing accompanied the procession to the parsonage on Campbell street. The house had been freshly cleaned and nicely arranged for the occasion.

The reception in the Hallelujah Church was one not to be forgotten. The Chief and the leading men of the Kru tribe occupied a place on the platform. Many of them voiced the feelings of their heart, "Thank God, now Pa Grant come back to us."

The days that followed proved his unspoiled condition after months in wonderful U. S. A. His zealous enthusiasm for souls had only increased,

thanks to his days at Bethany Bible College. The people stood open mouthed as he related his many breathtaking experiences. Some of his most cherished memories were of the hours spent in our Assemblies of God churches in Northern California.

God is good to have given the Kru tribe such a man with such a soul-stirring message. And now we are praying that more of his Kru brothers and sisters shall turn from their traditional idol worship to serve a living Christ. To all of you who knew Brother Grant and helped to make his American stay happy and fruitful, I know he would have me say: "BIG HOWDO!"

By Daisy Kennedy.

1955
District Convention
February
22, 23, 24, 25
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Vallejo, California

TWENTY-FIVE HIGHEST ASSEMBLIES IN TOTAL MISSIONARY GIVING, JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1954:

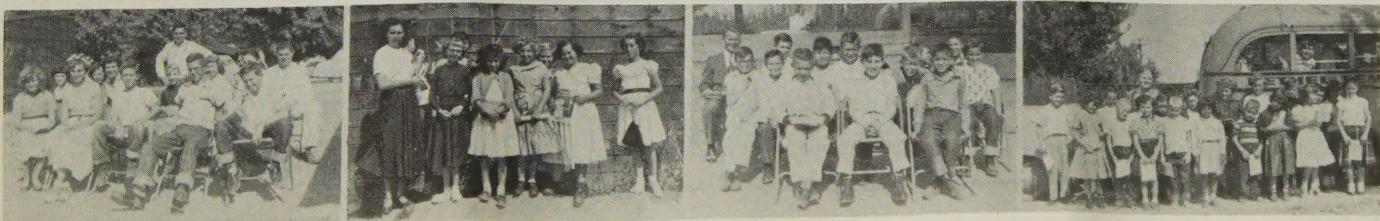
Turlock, Bethel Temple	\$14,241.93
Sacramento, Bethel Temple	12,832.72
San Jose, Calvary Temple	5,495.13
Modesto, Bethel Church	4,655.34
Oakland, First Assembly	3,880.78
San Francisco, Glad Tidings	3,837.68
Morgan Hill	3,107.65
Redwood City	2,959.79
Hayward, Bethel	2,588.06
Modesto, 6th & G	2,317.84
Oakland, Calvary	2,152.09
Stockton, Calvary Tabernacle	2,077.33
Santa Cruz, First Assembly	1,895.75
Berkeley, Assembly	1,644.09
San Jose, Bethel	1,504.59
Vallejo, First Assembly	1,487.70
Sunnyvale	1,450.85
Los Gatos	1,375.90
Roseville	1,244.55
Escalon	1,174.94
Oakland, Bethany Chapel	1,173.15
Pacific Grove First Pentecostal	1,139.02
Las Vegas, Nev.	1,137.18
Burlingame	1,044.44
Auburn	1,007.33

Fellowship Meetings

JANUARY —

- 1 — Live Oak
- 3 — Salida
- 17 — Smith River
- 24 — Durham, Novato, Atwater

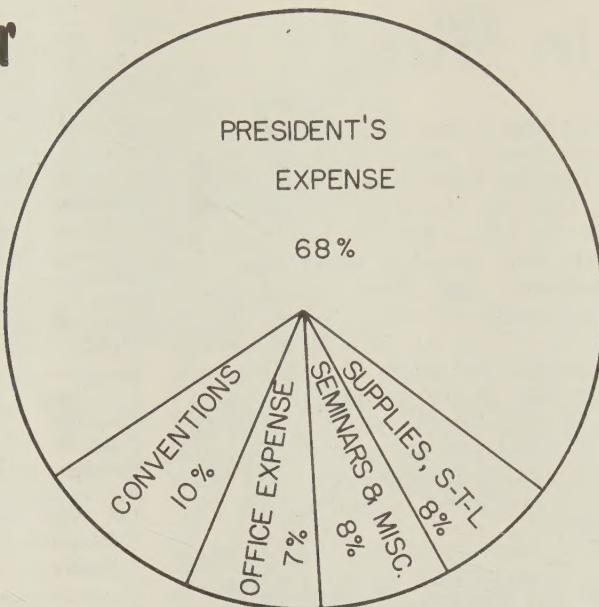
BELOW: The little strip of pictures at the bottom of the page is of the Sunday school boys and girls of the North Highlands church. Four classes are shown, ranging from Intermediate to Primary. North Highlands is a new community near McClellan Field and, of necessity, a church there is a pioneer work. The pastor is Glen W. Parks, a former student at Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now Bethany Bible College). Brother Parks reports a Sunday school of upwards of 100 and a good group attending church services. The congregation is at present in a building program, and they hope to have the structure ready for occupancy within a few weeks. Both Brother Parks and his people are most optimistic concerning the future and they are grateful to God for His blessings and challenges for the present.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Where Your
C. A.
Money
Goes
by
Walt Boring

Since we have been hitting you so hard in the last few months to give, give, give, I thought I should let you in on some of the first hand, authentic information concerning our finances. Here is a graph explaining where our money goes. I was asked recently if all that money spent for the President's expenses was worth it. Been figuring on that one ever since! This person was sincere in his question and all I can say is that I haven't had time since becoming President to stop and make up my mind just how to answer him.



On the facing page is the list of monthly givers, as we have them listed in our office. The monthly givers report is, significantly, exactly one-tenth of our organized groups. The only correction to be made on the list is that some of our groups send one offering in at the end of each year instead of the twelve individual offerings; but since the year is not up yet we cannot list them, not knowing who will do so this year. Note that 107 churches have contributed this year. Where, oh where are the other 103?

President's Column

How fast these months do roll around! It seems like it was only a few days ago when I was sitting here at the old typewriter, scratching my head, wondering what would be the best news that I could pass on to you. There is certainly a lot going on these days in our District Christ Ambassador program. One item of interest is that we have set several new C. A. groups in order this last month. We are growing at an almost startling rate, and this, of course, makes us all quite happy. I think it might be interesting to let you in on our newest Speed-The-Light projects. In our last committee meeting we decided to buy cars for Brother Cal Zeissler, missionary to the Philippines; Brother R. J. Renfroe and Brother Hal Lehmann, missionaries to Africa. The Lord has been good to our District by sending out many missionaries from our members and we find it a thrill to do our part in helping them in their important work. Might be newsworthy to add here that our District, since 1945 has given just under \$100,000 dollars toward Speed-The-Light. To pat ourselves on the back a little I say, "nice going" but along with that I also say, "keep it up."

I have had the pleasure of speaking at several C. A. rallies recently and I would like to say "thanks" here to the sectional chairmen who invited me. I also had the good fortune to get to speak at Bethany Bible College the other night. Being in that atmosphere made me feel like going back to school. By the way, the students are all working real hard to sell 700 annuals this year so, what do you say, let's all buy one. After the message that night, which was on missions, I had the audacity to ask those students for \$450.00 to buy a new outboard motor for Brother Renfroe. Without a word of encouragement they reached into those notoriously empty Bible school student pocketbooks and made that offering up to the full amount in less than fifteen minutes. Hats off! Well, there are other things on this page to read so I will sign off here reminding you only to pray for me as I pray for you.

Walt Boring.

Christmas Special



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Attention all C. A. presidents! If your ONE-EIGHT program is beginning to lag, we have a brand new program for you. There is nothing like something new to encourage your C. A.'s to get out and do this highly valuable personal work. With the new kit there is a new "Hi Neighbor" tract. Also I have learned that there is still a supply of the C. A. Guide that was published this

spring containing a series of nine lessons on personal evangelism. If you are interested you may write to the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield and obtain what you need for the reduced rates of twenty-five cents each. Incidentally, this valuable guide which is sent out quarterly, can be yours for only \$1.50 per year. I recommend that you subscribe, if you have not already.

C. A. Chit-Chat

Once again it is time for another "Chit Chat" column, so let us take a look at the District "doings."

From MARYSVILLE comes the report that the C. A.'s have bought a new bulletin sign for the church, and recently a candlelight service was held at which time new members were accepted and officers were installed.

New officers were installed at a formal banquet of the SACRAMENTO BETHEL TEMPLE C. A.'s. The new officers are: Ray Montoya, President; Nelta Rainbolt, Vice President; Ramona Cross, Secretary; and Ernie Johnson, treasurer. Reverend Paul Kaufmann was the guest speaker, with the pastor Reverend Clyde Henson conducting the installation ceremony. Reverend Earl Walpole was the master of ceremonies. Recently thirty-two new members were taken into this group!

We were happy to hear of the

forming of a new C. A. group at COVELO. Pastor Don North reports that the new group is to be organized following the evangelistic meetings of Evangelist Earl Henderson. Brother North further writes that, "youth camp at MINERAL helped eight of our young people to get closer to God." The group now has twenty-five members.

In the CAPITOL section the C. A.'s of CARMICHAEL have edged out the Ambassadors of OLIVEHURST in the contest to win the plaque which is awarded annually. The winning Carmichael group won the banner four times, while runner up Olivehurst took it home three times. The banner is awarded at the monthly sectional rally.

Well that winds up another "Chit Chat" column, and we would like to say that we appreciated hearing from the various groups, and hope to hear from your group next time.

All news should be sent to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

Thank You C. A.'s

C. A. GROUPS WHO HAVE MADE REGULAR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT C. A. DEPARTMENT DURING 1954:

Atwater, Burlingame, Stockton - Calvary, Concord, Carmichael, Escalon, Kerman, Lincoln, Martinez, Modesto - 6th and G, Oroville, Olivehurst, Redwood City, Salida, Sonora, Sacramento - Capital, San Rafael, San Francisco - Glad Tidings, Tulelake, Westwood, Weed.

THE TEN TOP MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE C. A. DEPARTMENT.

1. Escalon	\$10.00
2. Modesto, (6th & G)	10.00
3. Stockton (Calvary)	10.00
4. Redwood City	7.50
5. Sacramento (Capital)	5.00
6. Salida	5.00
7. San Francisco (Glad Tidings)	5.00
8. Tulelake	5.00
9. Oroville	5.00
10. Martinez	4.00

C. A. Price List

I get many letters from folks, wondering about the prices of our C. A. supplies so, I thought it might be a good idea to use a little space here and give you the prices of these items, all of which can be ordered through my office.

C. A. membership cards, 25 for	.25
100 for .75	
Speed-The-Light pin	1.25
C. A. tie clasp	1.25
C. A. seals, 50 for	.50
C. A. pin (oval)	.80
C. A. pennant	1.00
C. A. decal transfer	.10
3 for .25 - 12 for .85	
C. A. auto identification	.75
C. A. song, 12 for	.25
25 for .40	
C. A. Manual	1.00

Season's Greetings Everyone

SCENES FROM THE 1954 C. A. CONFERENCE: The entire group (left) numbered twenty and included District officials as well as C. A. leaders and Sectional representatives from eleven out of fifteen sections. The two C. A. Counselors, Otto Schmidt and Paul Radley, also attended. C. A. President, Walt Boring, is standing at the extreme left. The speaker (right) is James Swanson of Hayward who spoke on the theme "Let's Face It!" This gathering was held informally in the patio of a private home, and before the devotional time, there was a most enjoyable weiner bake.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade Day Planned

Sunday morning, February 6, will be a special day for the boys and girls of our Sunday Schools. Begin now to make plans for BGMC Day. I trust a great many of our churches of our district will be taking a missionary offering for "The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade," the missionary activity of the Sunday School which provide funds for sending of Christian literature to foreign lands.

Assemblies of God churches all over the nation are setting aside February 6 to receive this special offering which is taken once a year to supplement the monthly giving of the boys and girls twelve years old and younger. A goal of \$10,000 has been set for the offerings to be received this year.

The children are given a small wooden barrel-bank in which they place their money throughout the month. It is then collected and sent to Springfield, Missouri — the Mis-

sions Department — where it is used to provide missionaries with Sunday School literature. Some of this literature is printed in the language of the country to which it is sent.

In 1953, \$44,604.17 was given by the children to the "Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade." From January through June of 1954, \$35,520.23 was received of the pennies, nickels and dimes of the boys and girls in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools.

A special visual-aid story about BGMC is being sent to those who belong to the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, to be used during the Sunday School session February. If your school isn't a member of BGMC how about dropping a postcard in the mail to your district Sunday School Department and I will send you an application blank by return mail. Barrels will be sent to your school free-of-charge upon application for membership in BGMC.

Shall We Strive for Numbers?

Someone recently said: "I am not interested in numbers. I would rather have a spiritual Sunday School than a big one." I found myself agreeing with the statement and determined to pray and prepare my lesson unusually well for the next Sunday. At least my class would be a spiritual one. I didn't send the usual little cards as reminders to the class: I just let them go, but I did have my lesson well prepared. And then came Sunday!

David was absent. Had his dad, so recently saved, taken him fishing again? Were they slipping away from Sunday School and away from God? My heart felt a sharp jab of pain. I checked the roll a little further. Jimmie wasn't there. He is not a very strong child, and I wondered if he could be sick again? What about Charles? He is a member of a very poor family and lives miles out in the country away from a bus line. Did he ever get those new shoes, and was he sitting out on the woodpile feeling "blue" because he didn't make it to Sunday School?

I gave my well-prepared lesson.

But those three — what good did it do them? This week I sent them the prettiest cards I could find. I called them over the phone. I visited them. The constant cry in my heart is "God, don't let them slip away and grow up in sin and careless living. Please, God, bring them back."

Shall we strive for numbers? Yes, when it is MY boys, let's have numbers — all eleven of them!

Lassen-Plumas Reports 100%

The Lassen-Plumas Section, where Mrs. Maude Colter is Sectional Representative, was the first section to send in a check-up from every church in the section.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Maude Colter and the Lassen-Plumas Section. Our hats are off to you!

Several other sections are nearly complete in reporting. HOW ABOUT MAKING IT 100%? All reports must be in the National office by December 9, so we haven't much time left. Pastors, superintendents, will you check and see that your report is in? Thanks for your help.

Watch This Column

Average attendance for the month of October:

1. Sacramento, Bethel Temple	876
2. Hayward	510
3. Turlock	466
4. Redwood City	420
5. Richmond, Central	330
6. Sunnyvale	273
7. Santa Rosa, First Assembly	226
8. Roseville	223
9. Merced	200
10. Chico, First Assembly	189
11. Eureka	180
12. Madera, First Assembly	180
13. Tracy	153
14. South San Francisco	140
15. Biggs	123
16. Central Valley	116
17. Willows	109
18. Colusa	94
19. Redding, Bethel	89
20. Anderson	80
21. Orland, First	66
22. Arbuckle	41
23. Hayfork	39
24. Chico, Pleasant Valley	36
25. Orland, Capay	29
26. Oroville, Honcut	24

Listed below is the school with the highest percentage of increases for the month of October over the average attendance for August for each section.

Section	October	Increase
1. Capitol		
Arbuckle	41	70.83%
2. East Bay		
Hayward	510	23.14%
3. Sacramento Valley		
Chico, First Assembly	189	20.38%
4. North Bay		
Santa Rosa, 1st Assem.	226	16.65%
5. Central San Joaquin		
Turlock	466	9.65%
6. Redwood		
Eureka	180	5.27%
7. Peninsula		
Redwood City	420	4.74%
8. South San Joaquin		
Madera, 1st Assem.	180	4.10%

105 ALREADY!

We're on our way to 1,000. We have already received 105 registrations for the Southwest Regional Sunday School Convention which is to be held in Long Beach February 8, 9, 10, 1955.

If you haven't registered, how about sending your registration to the District Sunday School Department P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California. We would like to have it as soon as possible. The registration fee is \$1.00.

Open for Calls

EVANGELIST CHARLES SEN-ECHAL is returning from the Midwest with his illustrated Bible-chart ministry. He may be contacted for adult, youth, or children's meetings at 150 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo, California.



From Evangelist Ben Kummerfeld, come these interesting scenes of the summer, 1954 Berlin tent meetings. At the left is the All-American Evangelist team. Left to right: Harold Herman, Richard Ruff, Sister Ruff, Ben Kummerfeld, and Fred Wulf. In the background is the ruin of the celebrated Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. At the right is a portion of the Gospel



tent, with several familiar faces visible including Brothers Herman and Ruff beside the pulpit. The meetings attracted considerable attention in Berlin, and one of the leading newspapers sent reporters to investigate the meetings. The result was an illustrated, full-page article headlined "Lahme gehen — Blinde sehen" (The lame work — The blind see!) Brother Kummer-

feld remained in Berlin to follow up the summer's converts, and he reports sending out 7,000 Bible lesson courses so far this season. He also reports encouraging word from the Ruffs in their Vienna meetings. In the first few days of their meetings some forty had come forward for salvation, and ten or more had received the Baptism in the Spirit.



Sister Lillian Trasher, the celebrated orphanage worker and Assemblies of God missionary of Assuit, Egypt, is to be the Missions Department's featured speaker at the Regional Sunday School Convention at Long Beach, February 8 to 10, 1955. This will be Sister Trasher's first visit to the United States in twenty-five years. In her long missionary career, Sister Trasher has "mothered" over 8,000 Egyptian babies and widows and at present has a total of 827 charges in her Orphanage. A book describing the work and reports in national magazines have made Sister Trasher well-known in Christian circles everywhere.

CONGRATULATIONS!

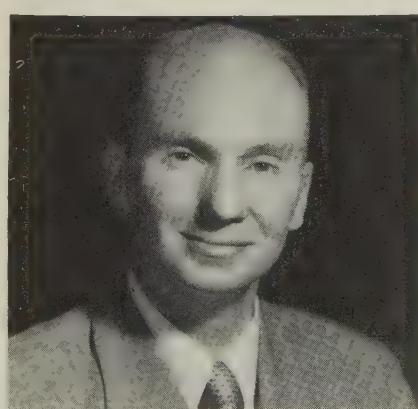
Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Jepson of Yreka, are the happy parents of a new son, Wesley Walter, who arrived on October 19.

The Leonard Millers, pastors at Kelseyville, also have a new son, Leonard William, born October 27.

Joanne Marie Cole arrived in the home of Reverend and Mrs. Edwin L. Cole on November 6. Brother Cole is the pastor of our San Bruno Assembly.



Boys and Girls of the Auburn Full Gospel Sunday School pose attractively in their Promotion Day caps and gowns. Their teachers were Annette Steinle and Dorothy Van Gorkom. The Pastor is G. C. Sturgeon.



Missionary to Japan, Ray Pedigo is back in the homeland. He arrived recently, commissioned by Brother Howard C. Osgood, to attempt to raise funds for the weekly broadcast of the Japanese Assemblies of

God. Brother Osgood tells us that this Gospel project has a potential audience of nearly twenty-six million people! The program features Pastor Yumiya, the Superintendent of the Japanese Assemblies of God, as speaker, and the choir of the Tokyo Bible School for special music. As a result of the program, over 1,000 have enrolled in a Bible correspondence course and great number of heartening letters are constantly being received. The broadcast costs \$400.00 per month, and this must be provided largely through gifts from American friends. All offerings should be sent to headquarters: Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. They should be designated: "Japan Gospel Broadcast."

HERE AND THERE

BURNEY (Assembly of God) — We are happy to report a very good revival with Brother Kenneth Bird in September. God blessed us with a Holy Ghost outpouring and six received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A number were also refilled and two backsliders found their way back to God. Gordon S. Blay, pastor.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA — The Nevada Section Fellowship Meeting was held here on November 15, with a business meeting and election of sectional officers. Supper was served by the host Assembly followed by a C. A. Rally. H. G. Rannels, pastor.

CHICO (Pleasant Valley Assembly of God) — Brother and Sister Bernard Johnson, Jr., pastors at Stirling City recently held a series of good meetings here. Loyd L. Decker, pastor.

CLOVERDALE — Evangelist and Mrs. John McPherson were with us for two weeks. The Lord's blessing was in every service and souls found the Lord. The last night of the meeting, the altar was filled with souls seeking the Lord and the revival spirit continues. Pastor J. L. Jeffrey.

EMPIRE — Brother and Sister Parham, Youth Evangelists from Keyes, California, conducted meetings here recently. The entire Church was blessed from night to night under the anointed ministry of Sister Parham. Roy F. Pennington, pastor.

EUREKA (Assembly of God) — We would like to report our revival with our last Evangelist, Reverend A. A. Allen and party. Our new church building was packed out from the first night with a seating capacity of 1,000. On the last night, the ushers stated that between four and

five hundred were turned away. The entire community was stirred for God and many decisions for Christ were made. A number received the experience of Acts 2:4, and many testified to God's healing power in their bodies. One man who had worn glasses for fifteen years was completely delivered. One of the Board members who had suffered for over two years with arthritis in the spine was instantly healed. It is a real joy to see him rejoicing in God without pain. These are just a few of the things that have happened in the Eureka Assembly. Other pastors who cooperated in this meeting can give a similar report. R. L. Neal, pastor.

FIREBAUGH — The South San Joaquin Section fellowship meeting was held on Monday, October 25th at the Assembly of God church. Esther Brady is the pastor. During the entire day, the presence of God was felt and many times a volume of praise went up to our God for His goodness to us. Brother A. M. Redding of Highway City brought a stirring message in the afternoon, and Evangelist Sherman Cox was the guest speaker in the evening service. The host church served a bountiful meal in the evening. J. C. Snyder, Presbyter.

MERCED — The Lord is blessing us with a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Cox. We had 205 last Sunday in Sunday School and are working for 250 next Sunday. J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

MODESTO (Community Full Gospel Church) — I am resigning as pastor and re-entering the evangelistic field for a time. I will be open for meetings after January 9, 1955 as my resignation will become effective on that date. God has graciously blessed our ministry here, and we



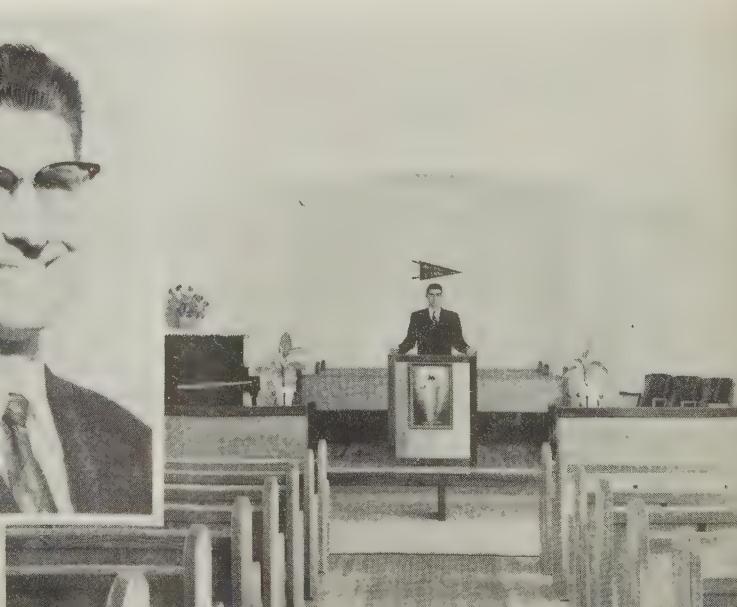
Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas Ramsey and their five-year old son, Gayle. The Ramseys have been in our District for the past two or three months, and in each place that they have ministered they have proved to be a blessing. Thus far their ministry has included Oakland (Calvary Temple), El Cerrito, and Healdsburg. They come to us from the North Central States where they have had several years of pastoral and evangelistic ministry. They may be contacted at: 1 Clara Court, Oakland, California.

have seen a steady growth in the church for which He is due all the praise. George E. Elrod, 1424 Tully Rd., Modesto.

MONTAGUE — The regular Fellowship Meeting of the Shasta Section was held Tuesday, October 19th. The presence of the Lord was felt in both the services. Brother L. W. Coor of Fort Jones brought the afternoon message on "The Grace of God" and Brother James Adkins of Westwood brought the evening message on the subject "Turning the World Upside Down."

BELOW: From Empire come these fine pictures of the pastor and the Assembly of God church building. This new church was dedicated during a recent Central San Joaquin Fellowship meeting. Pastor Roy F. Pennington is seen both in the pulpit in the interior view, and in the insert picture. Brother Pennington has ministered in

Empire for the past two years, and in addition to the erection of the new church, he has seen thirty new members added to the roll. The building is thirty-two by sixty, and is attractively built and equipped both within and without.



A special offering of \$50.00 was received to help Montague with their fund for a new church building which we expect to begin sometime in the future. Leonard Couchman, pastor.

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — The 4th Annual Harvest Home Service was observed on November 21st as a time set apart for Praise and Thanksgiving to the Lord for His bountiful blessings during the past year. O. L. Foth, pastor.

OAKLAND — The First Annual Thanksgiving Service of the East Bay Assemblies of God was held in Calvary Temple on November 24, with Reverend Leland R. Keys, President of Bethany Bible College as guest speaker. The 40 voice choir of the College provided a most inspiring musical program under the able leadership of Director Forrest M. Beiser.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, District Secretary-Treasurer, filled the pulpit recently during the absence of the pastor who was on vacation. T. Kermit Jeffrey, pastor.

SANTA CRUZ (First Assembly) — The Evangelaires quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Gould, Rev. Eddie Kramer and Stephen Asmuth, graduates of Bethany Bible College, conducted a 3 weeks revival for this Assembly from October 19 to November 7. Their sincerity in preaching the Word of God, their talented singing, their unspoiled "first love" for souls caused the audience to respond to the altar appeals. Christ was exalted and the Holy Spirit honored. These were days of spiritual refreshing and soul-searching. God is the bookkeeper and He alone can accurately tabulate the total results of these meetings. We are praising God for the Evangelaires, as yielded instruments for God's glory. Raymond P. Murray, pastor.

SAUSALITO (Assembly of God) — Rev. James C. Walton, former S. S. Superintendent of Vallejo First Assembly, has accepted the pastorate here. The Lord is working and the Sunday School is growing. The October average was 47. This is an increase of 29 over the July average and 2 over the 1953 average. Evangelist Charles Pepper was the special speaker at a series of meetings held in October which followed a week of prayer and home visitation by the members who gave out a total of 1,000 Evangelists.

SOLEDAD (Calvary Tabernacle) — Brother Glenn Hannan is the new pastor.

SOUTH FORTH (Bull Creek Assembly) — Mrs. Iva M. Marlenee is the new pastor.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (First Assembly of God) — (We have received a very interesting testimony of healing from one of the brethren in this Assembly) "I am a crane operator for the U. S. Navy and each year they give their employees a physical examination. My October 1953 examination showed sugar diabetes. I went to the Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco and to the University of California Hospital. At each hospital, they said that I had sugar diabetes. They gave me a prescription to use to take sugar diabetes tests. I went home and took a test and it showed



This splendid group of youngsters were gathered in the Chowchilla Assembly of God Church during special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John McPherson. Brother McPherson conducted these meetings as an Indian "pow-wow" complete with Indian costume, "wampum" and a trading post. An average of 180 children attended daily. Comments Pastor Hays, "The old old story was presented in a new and exciting way. I can recommend this delightful program to any church as a definite stimulant to the Sunday school." In addition to the afternoon children's meetings, Brother McPherson also conducted adult evening services with splendid results. Says Pastor Hays of these adult meetings, "We are still rejoicing over the mighty move of God. Each night found the church packed to capacity, and many nights additional chairs had to be set up to accommodate the crowd. Brother McPherson is a chalk artist, and we were all thrilled as he presented the Gospel in colored chalk with colored lights and also black light. Many souls came to the altar and were saved and filled, including some new families."

that I had sugar diabetes. My pastor, Carl E. Curtright, prayed for me but I didn't receive complete healing. I attended Young People's service that night and during the song service I felt something go all over me. I believed then that the Lord had healed me completely. It has been a year since God healed me and sugar diabetes has not shown in any test since that time, for this I give God all the glory.

"In 1949 I had bleeding ulcers, Bro. Curtright prayed for me and I was healed. X-rays which were taken at the Veteran's Hospital following this showed no sign of the ulcers. My family and I have been healed through prayer many times. Praise the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy to us." George G. Butcher, 435 Larch Avenue, South San Francisco, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor Carl E. Curtright — "George G. Butcher is a deacon in my church and has been for several years. We, of the First Assembly of God, rejoice with him for all the blessings with which God has blessed him.)

TURLOCK (Bethel Temple) — Evangelist Phil Lindvall has concluded a children's meeting at Bethel Temple. About 84 children were prayed with for salvation. We had an average attendance of around 300 each night, and the entire church enjoyed the unique presentation of the Gospel. Many adults attended the services. Robert Carrington, Pastor.

KELIAH — The Fellowship Meeting for Lake-Mendocino Section was held in the Assembly of God on Monday, November 8. It rained heavily throughout the day but we did enjoy the blessings of the Lord in

our midst. Pastor L. R. Anderson of Santa Rosa, spoke in the afternoon and brought a real message from God's Word that was a blessing to all. In the evening, Evangelist Jerry Fry spoke. Brother and Sister Fry have been in meetings in Ukiah and a number have sought the Lord for Salvation and consecrations were made each night.

The annual Sectional business meeting was held and Pastor J. R. Edgar, of Ukiah, was re-elected as District Presbyter. Mrs. Floyd Fultz, of Lakeport, was re-elected as W. M. C. Chairman. Pastor Leonard Miller, of Kelseyville, was re-elected as C. A. Director. J. R. Edgar, Presbyter.

WESTWOOD (Assembly of God) — We are praising the Lord for sending Evangelist and Mrs. Silas H. Jones to us. God gave us an outstanding meeting in old-time convicting power of the Holy Ghost. The church was revived and there were a number of backsliders who were reclaimed. A mighty anointing rested upon our Evangelists as they preached and sang the Gospel each night. The church was greatly strengthened to press on in God. James R. Adkins, pastor.

FOR SALE

Two-bedroom cabin partly furnished near dormitory on Bethany Loop. Price \$4,500.00. Easy terms. For further information call at cabin 895 Bethany Drive or write Alex Teixeira, 2453-10th St., Berkeley, Calif.

By preaching, some men can move multitudes. By prayer, any believer can move God.

Dawning of God's Day

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lon. He, a Jew, had grown old in this heathen land among the most idolatrous people of that time. "Here Lord, are thy people. They are oppressed and many are destroyed. Idolatry has made great inroads upon them. They have hanged their harps on the willows saying that they cannot sing Thy songs in a strange land. Will the day of deliverance ever come?"

In sadness he draws a scroll towards him; his horny fingers trace, and his old eyes read words which he had not read before, "Thus saith the Lord, that after seventy years he accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place." This beam of light from the only star that lighted that dark night bathed the old face, and exuberant joy wiped out the sadness. The day would surely come!

History rolled its long ages down the path of time; men came and went as life and death repeated its uninterrupted pattern. From hearts and souls of righteous men came the much repeated refrain, "Will the morning ever come? Will earth's darkness of ignorance, error, sin, guilt, and misery ever give place to the light of God's day of deliverance, of freedom, of truth, and of purity?"

Then suddenly time's clock strikes with an urgency unheard by man! The hour? THE FULLNESS OF TIME!

All unseen and unsung the morning star arises in the dark hour which heralds the dawn. All heaven is alerted for the impending dawning, and Gabriel, the archangel, is dispatched with the message that shall lift the curtain upon the greatest drama of all time and eternity. ". . . thy wife shall bear thee a son . . . shalt call his name John . . . he shall be great . . . he shall go before him . . . to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Six months pass and the grey gleams break the gross darkness as the angel again bears a message, this time to Nazareth, ". . . thou hast found favor with God . . . thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS . . . therefore the holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the SON OF GOD."

Two old people, a man and a woman, in the temple at Jerusalem, having waited long for this Sun of Righteousness to arise, call to the watchman on time's wall, "What of the night?" The answer rolls back to them from the Holy Spirit to whose

Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



J. C. SNYDER

Our Presbyter spotlight this month swings to the South San Joaquin Section where Reverend John C. Snyder is presbyter. Brother Snyder resides in Merced, and there he pastors the Merced Assembly of God Church in addition to fulfilling his duties as Sectional Presbyter.

Brother Snyder was converted as a youth of 16, and that very year called into the ministry. He was ordained in the Baptist Church and for a time ministered as a Baptist preacher. However, when in 1924 he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, he transferred to the Assemblies of God, and thereafter he has been a hearty energetic Full Gospel preacher. His early ministry was in Oklahoma and Arkansas, and he also ministered in Missouri and Iowa. During his pas-

eyes the far horizon is open, "THE DAY COMETH! Thou shalt not see death before ye hath seen the Lord's Christ." The eyelids of the morning were opening!

Softly, gently, tenderly, lovingly, the Sun of Righteousness arose. No king or nobleman of earth saw or heard, and angels looking for someone with whom to share the bursting joy of all heaven sang their triumph-



The teachers and officers of the Weott Assembly of God Sunday School. This group is seeking earnestly to maintain a live, Spirit-filled, growing, Gold Crown Sunday School. To the extreme left is Pastor V. T. Eldridge, and beside him, Sunday School Superintendent M. R. Welch.

torate in Iowa, he was also a presbyter in the West Central District. He came to California in 1949 having been called to pastor the assembly in Kerman. He settled at Merced a little over two years ago.

One of Brother Snyder's chief projects in many of the assemblies which he has pastored has been the renovating or the building of churches. Thus, in 1951 he and his people dedicated a remodeled building in Kerman, and in 1954 he similarly dedicated a lovely new church building in Merced. The August *Glad Tidings* carried an account of this splendid building.

Sister Snyder has been a constant helpmate with her husband through his thirty-five years of ministry, and in each place has made a worthwhile contribution to the Gospel work. At present, she contributes helpfully in the Sunday School Department in the Merced church.

All who know Brother Snyder are consistently impressed by his spiritual fervor and enthusiastic intensity for the work of the Kingdom. He is a man with whom it is most refreshing to fellowship, and whose personal conduct is indeed a credit to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His compelling energy and unselfish devotion have enabled him to achieve much thus far in the Gospel ministry, and it is surely evident that if Jesus tarries he stands to continue to render an effective ministry in the days that lie ahead.

ant songs to humble shepherds on Judean hills. "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, and on earth peace, good will towards men." Following the paean of praise the message came, "I bring you good tidings of GREAT JOY which shall be to all people for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." They could have echoed the words, "Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring (the dawning) from on high hath visited us. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Weeping had endured for a long and terrifying night, but joy had come on the wings of the morning! A morning unbroken, broad, shining for all, singling out none! A morning where mercy and truth could meet together and where righteousness and peace could kiss each other. Answered were all the dread forebodings which haunted the darkness now past, "What if the morning never comes?"

THE WORLD'S SAVIOR HAD BROUGHT IN GOD'S DAY!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL



The WMC project of gathering foodstuffs and clothing for the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas, grew to such proportions that some of the brethren had to be called in to help! Here, a group attempts to prepare the collection for shipment. Pictured are (left to right) Derrill Sturgeon, Reverend Carl Sturgeon (in background), Reverend F. A. Sturgeon, Mrs. Goldia Anderson, and Mrs. Carl Sturgeon. The project was headed by Sister Carl Sturgeon, and the facilities of Oakland's First Church were used for the storage depot. In all, seven tons of food was collected.

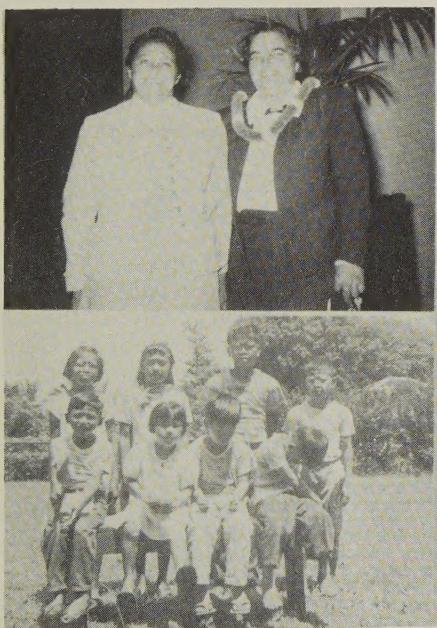
— Photo courtesy Oakland Tribune.

A word from the W.M.C. PRESIDENT

This has been a very busy Fall in WMC work. We have seen many projects finished and our Fall Rallies have had large attendance with a number of our returned missionaries speaking. Services and Rallies I have been privileged to speak in have been held in Hayward, Escalon, Eureka, Stockton, Sacramento, San Jose, Morgan Hill and Oakland. I also spoke at the East Bay Luncheon. May the Lord richly bless our sectional directors, for they are really getting the job done.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking every church and every individual that helped to make the drive of foodstuff for our orphanage in Hot Springs, Arkansas such a great success. Sister Evelyn Sturgeon spent many hours on this project. Others took time to drive trailers and trucks from over our district to our depot in Oakland. First Church in Oakland permitted us to use their facilities for our central depot. God bless you every one.

Goldia Anderson.



Nellie Ongias and Thelma Simpkins (above), the leaders of the orphanage in Maui express special thanks to our WMC for "kind and faithful help." The children to whom they minister (below) depend almost wholly on WMC clothing. Gifts may be sent to Mrs. Elsie Kelepolo, Box 776, Paia, Maui, T. Hawaii.



WMC ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES: (1) Rally in Grace Church of Oakland. Pictured are missionaries and WMC leaders. (2) The truck preparing to depart with our contribution of food and clothing for the National Children's Orphanage. (3) and (4) Two scenes from a rally in Bethel Church of San Jose. The John Kennedys were the missionaries honored. The silver was a gift from the First Assembly of God of San Jose. The pictured group includes the missionaries and local church, Sectional, and District WMC leaders.

CURRENT SIGNS

World Wide Mission Field Expanding

The world's population has more than doubled in the last one hundred years, according to a report by the French National Institute of Statistics. The Institute said that there were 1,160,000,000 persons on the globe in 1850, compared with an estimated 2,500,000,000 today.

New Church Buildings Cost \$10,000,000 Weekly

American churches will spend more than \$10,000,000 a week on new construction in 1954, according to a forecast report by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The report said that erection of new edifices by churches will amount to \$525,000,000 this year, 11 per cent above the previous all-time mark established in 1953.

At the same time, non-public schools, most of which are church-related, will spend an almost equal amount on new construction. By the end of 1954, these schools will have started work on \$520,000,000 worth of new buildings, the departments said.

Gallup Finds Church Attendance Increasing

The number of adults attending church in the U. S. has increased approximately 9,000,000 in the last four years and upward of 13,000,000 in the past fifteen years. So reports Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion. Latest result: the discovery that on any average Sunday during the first half of the current year 47,000,000 of the 102,000,000 adults over the age of twenty-one were in the church of their choice. Church attendance increases after people pass the age of 30. Percentages are: 21-29 42%; 30-49 48%; over 50, 46%.

Pet Business Prospering

One expert estimates the pet population at 26,700,000 cats, 22,500,000 dogs, 9,400,000 parakeets, 5,900,000 canaries. Hamsters, puppies, white mice and such are not counted, probably because of their rate of reproduction. Pet shops sell over \$60,000,000 worth of animals a year. Pet owners spend \$12,000,000 for veterinary care alone, plus additional sums for food, beauty treatments, training schools, insurance and undertaking costs. The list of services broadens all the time. Now people can even take their ailing pets to pet psychologists.

"Confidence"

Seagram Distillers Corporation is ready to build a thirty-four story office building in New York at a cost "well in excess of \$15,000,000," the company's president announced.

One of the officials of the organization told an assemblage of top executives that "major depressions are a thing of the past," and that the decision by Seagram management to proceed with the construction of the building just now was an expression of "abiding confidence in America's tomorrow."

Meanwhile it is interesting to note that U. S. health reports show that alcoholic addiction is 10 per cent more prevalent than tuberculosis in America; 50 per cent more prevalent than cancer; 225 per cent more prevalent than polio! Just what is Seagram so confident about?

New York a Great Mission Field

Within its five boroughs are about 8,000,000 people. There are 750,000 Negroes; 500,000 Puerto Ricans; 500,000 Irish; 500,000 Germans; 400,000 Poles; 300,000 Austrians. Also there are Czechs, Dutch, French, Greeks, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Portuguese, Scandinavians, and Russians. Of the 8,000,000 people in New York, 3,000,000 are Jews. This is a greater number than the population of Israel.

Teenagers Say Parents Drink Too Much

Many parents drink too much, teenage leaders declared in San Francisco recently.

And if they want their youngsters to avoid the evils of drinking, they had better sober up.

This advice was given by 10 student body leaders from various San Francisco high schools at a conference in the office of Superintendent of Schools Herbert C. Clish.

Two students cited a high school dinner given recently.

"Most of the parents had had a few when they showed up," one boy related. "Their menu consisted of about two-thirds liquid and one-third food."

"After dinner they fell all over the place."

The State of Israel

Six years of independence have seen the following growth in the state of Israel

Population: from 650,000 to 1,490,000 persons.

Immigration: 724,000 persons.

New settlements: 326 villages, 200 founded by newcomers.

Housing: 90,000 units for newcomers.

Electricity: from 84 million kws to 207 million kws.

Japanese Christmas

Although only one person in 200 is a Christian in Japan, the lower house of the Diet now contains 13 Christians out of a total membership of 466.

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